

the logos
monthly newsletter



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Happy Valentine's Day

*When Love is in the air,
Make someone feel loved today!*

From Your Pastor's Heart

Wow here we are in the month of February. Times do fly when you are having fun. Someone once said, "*Staying busy will keep you out of trouble.*" If that is the case I am a good boy. :)

First, concerning our house situation, we have moved out of the old pastorate and are staying completely in our camper. Sometime soon we hope to be able to move into our new home. We are waiting on all the paper work to be done. Please pray for us as we patiently wait.

Several important events will be taking place at Southside in the next couple of weeks. Let me share just a few of them.

Saturday, February 11th, the deacons are hosting a Widows and Widowers Banquet at 4pm. Please see your deacon or call the church office for more information.

Saturday, February 18th, Southside Baptist will host the Association RA Race-Day!

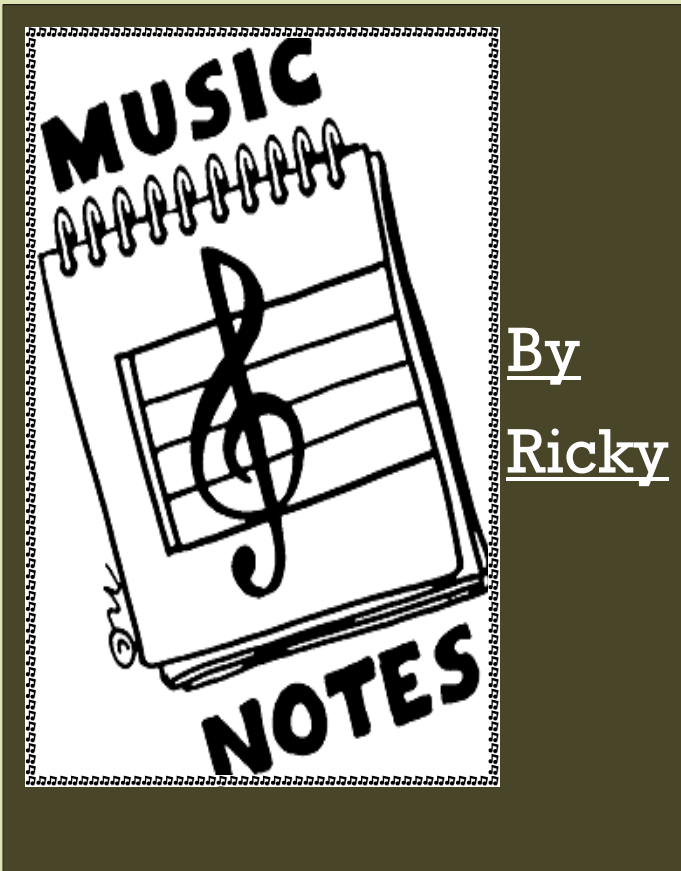
Wednesday, February 22nd, Mitch Marsh a missionary to Nicaragua will be with us in our evening service. He will show slides and give updates on how God is using him. This is a great opportunity for our GAs, RAs and Youth to meet a missionary in person, perhaps to connect with him and support him in the years to come. I believe everyone will receive a blessing if they attend this service.

Sunday, March 4th, Dr. Rick Lance from the Alabama Baptist State Convention will be our speaker. This is High Attendance Sunday. We will have a covered-dish luncheon following the Morning Service.

Finally, God loves you and so do I. Keep pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God. Pray for each other...

God Bless,

Brother Danny



By
Ricky

Psalm 28:7 "the Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him."

Wow! January flew by with the blink of an eye; it will be Easter before you know it. This coming Sunday we will officially begin rehearsing Easter music in preparation for the Easter musical drama entitled 'Friend of Sinners'.

We need the help of the entire church as we embark on this powerful drama that not only tells the Easter story but challenges church as usual as it illustrates the heart of Jesus. If you have ever sung in the choir or even thought about it, **we need your help!**

God's ways are different than our ways. God loves the sinner and is willing to forgive, He always meets a person where they are at. Yet we as Christians have a difficult time reaching out and ministering to the outcast. We even have a hard time loving and forgiving one another. The heart of Jesus is love and forgiveness that He extends to us daily; in turn we are to have that same nature living freely through us. I am so glad that the Lord's mercies are new everyday!

'Friend of Sinners' will challenge us to take the church outside these walls and to love unconditionally like Christ loves us. This will be a great opportunity for us to compel the lost and unchurched to participate.

**The dates for 'Friend of Sinners' are:
April 21-22**

Our children's choir has just begun rehearsing for their new musical drama entitled 'Follow U'. I would like to encourage all of our children and parents to be involved. This is also a great opportunity for us to encourage other children at school or in your neighborhood to become involved. This in itself is way of reaching children and families.

The children and youth choir will also be having a hayride and bonfire February the 11th at 5 in the evening. This will include pizza and each child can bring a friend only if the child is a prospect for the choir. We consider this outing as a reward for those that are faithful to the choir.

We have just recently begun a youth choir and we need the help of parents to encourage your child to participate. This choir will be participating in the youth night services each month and will be a vital part of leading worship through singing. The choir will also be included in the above hayride and bonfire as a reward of their participation.

This choir is more than just singing as it offers an opportunity for our youth to be more involved as a part of our church. There is also an environment for growth in Christ and fellowship. We are currently working out of the book entitled 'Voice of Truth'.

LOOK WHAT IS NEW

*****SOUTHSIDE SINGLES MINISTRY*****

We are in the process of beginning a 'singles ministry' here at Southside. It is our desire to develop a Christ centered ministry for singles and singles again. Please be in prayer as we begin to put this together and also share the news with others. There will be a short meeting this Sunday morning after the AM service in the choir room. This is a great opportunity to reach people in our community. We will be planning a get-to-together for February.



NEWS By Jason

February: for most the first thing that comes to mind is Valentines' Day. Heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, roses, exchanging cards, and maybe a nice meal with that someone special consume a lot of our thoughts this time of year. Try and think back to the first time you asked someone to be your Valentine; or maybe you were the one hoping to be asked. It can definitely be an anxious time to say the least. The anticipation that builds up as one prepares to ask, or is waiting to be asked has been the cause of many a heart palpitation over the years. As the time approaches to ask that someone to be your Valentine, you're hoping to get that favorable response. Yet there still remains that slight chance, a fear of rejection. There is also the fear of not being asked to be someone's Valentine, which is also a form of rejection.

What makes Valentines' Day so important to so many people? It is what Valentines' Day represents- that someone cares for you; that someone loves you. When you combine that with the greatest longing or desire of every human heart, which is to be loved, then it makes perfect sense that Valentines' Day is a special day. But for the one who has never encountered that special someone, it can be a day of sadness and sorrow. For those who have seen their Valentine depart for their heavenly home, it can be a bitter-sweet day. Wherever you fit into this equation, always remember that there is "someONE" for everyone.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants to be your Valentine...did you know that? In 1 John 4:17-19 we are told, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us." This passage should provide comfort and encouragement to all of God's children this Valentines' Day; whether you have an earthly Valentine or not. None of us have to hold onto a fear of not being loved. In these verses it speaks of perfect love or love perfected.

Thank God that doesn't mean sinless, or we would all be in deep weeds. It really means a mature love that is marked by confidence in the face of judgment, and confidence is a sign that love is mature. Jesus is God's Son, and we are the children of God too! So we can with confidence, and in love come to our loving Heavenly Father who loves us immeasurably. How exciting is that!! Can you confidently approach God like that today? Is your love for Him mature enough to do so? Or are you still living in fear, waiting to be asked to be that Valentine, or too timid to ask yourself?

Remember, if you are a child of God you are FORGIVEN and need not allow the enemy to keep you tormented, wondering, "does He love me or not." Jesus loves you and He wants to be your Valentine; He wants your heart and He offers far more than pretty flowers or boxed candy. He offers eternal life. Accept His invitation, and from this day forward, Valentines' Day will not depend so much as the one on earth who asks for your heart, but rather the One who gave His life for your heart. That is the kind of love that should remove all fear.

- *** We will be cleaning the carpet in the Family Life Center on Saturday, Feb. 4th @ 9:30.***
- ***Our Youth will be taking a tour of the "JOY FM" radio station (formerly His Radio) in Dothan on Monday, Feb. 20th @ 10:30. Following the tour we will be going out to lunch, so bring your \$\$\$!***
- ***The 2nd Youth led service will be on Sunday, Feb.19th @ 6:30. What an awesome job they did last month as everyone received a wonderful blessing from our teenagers. We look forward to God doing tremendous things in and through them!***
- ***Youth Choir has started up again...Sunday evening @ 5:00. Come be a part and bring your friends as our teens make a joyful noise to the Lord!***



HIGH ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY - MARCH 4TH

There are cards in the foyer. Please pick some up and give them to your friends and family who don't go to church. Our goal is 200.

Things to remember

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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| February 1 | Finance Meeting 6 pm |
| February 2 | Prayer Walk @ Mixon School |
| February 4 | Youth clean carpet in FLC |
| February 8 | Wednesday Supper |
| February 8 | Business Meeting |
| February 9 | Prayer Walk @ D A Smith |
| February 11 | Widow/Widower Banquet |
| February 14 | Women on Mission 9:30 |
| February 16 | Prayer Walk @ Carroll High |
| February 18 | RA Race Day in FLC |
| February 19 | Youth Night PM Service |
| February 23 | Prayer Walk @ Vivian B Adams |
| February 28 | Deacon's Meeting 6 pm |

Bible Study is each Monday morning at 9:30 am

Prayer at the Altar is at 6 pm each Monday night in the Sanctuary

Visitation is at 6 pm each Tuesday night